

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ of distributing encrypted portions of an audiovisual program to user terminals comprising, successive portions of the program are encrypted with the aid of different keys, wherein, on initiation, from a user terminal, of a telephone communication with a call center, comprising the steps of:

transmitting said encrypted portions of an audiovisual program using at least one of: cable transmission, satellite transmission and over the airwaves transmission;

transmitting in sequence from said call center and during the telephone communication ~~transmitting~~ the keys to the user terminal over said telephone communication, said keys are used for descrambling said audiovisual program, where said telephone transmission of said keys is performed in a manner synchronized with the distribution of the successive encrypted portions of the program and said telephone communication is over a telephone path, which is separate from said at least one of cable transmission, satellite transmission and over the airwaves transmission; and

upon completion of the telephone communication with a user terminal, duration of telephone communication is determined in said call center as to draw up a bill corresponding to the reception of the program by the user terminal.

2. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 1, in which the telephone communication utilizes an Internet protocol.

3. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 1, in which synchronization time codes are transmitted with the keys to the user terminal.

Claim 4 (Previously cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to Claim 1, in which the call center is a center for receiving telephone calls of a telephone operator.

Claims 6-12 (Previously cancelled)